



APPENDIX VI

Camp Fortunate: A Retrofit Example

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The existing Camp Fortunate Viewpoint facilities have served the public well for several decades. However, time and weather have taken their toll. Also, changing standards in the interpretive field and a more sophisticated audience create a different expectation in public facilities. This includes emphasis on natural setting, natural appearing structure, multi-cultural participation, and interpretive content that engages the viewer.

Existing facilities

- Road pullout and parking for loop
- Hilltop lawn delineated by boulders
- Large rectangular rock feature, incorporated into rock wall (formerly contained a bronze plaque)
- Picnic table shelter (stone pillars supporting a single gable wood roof)
- Sidewalk connecting parking lot to picnic shelter
- large wood sign on timber and rock base (“Camp Fortunate Overlook”) along bluff at far side of site
- Wood sign base along the sidewalk which contains a weathered, painted, wood sign describing the Expeditions encounter with the Shoshoni people



Present sidewalk entrance to picnic shelter

RECOMMENDATIONS

Updating the site generally means (1) providing the entire site a more natural feel and look, (2) converting the picnic shelter into an open interpretive facility containing durable signage, and (3) partnering with the Shoshoni people in providing a more complete story and look to the facility.

(1) Provide a more natural look and feel to the site:

- Remove existing sidewalk and construct new walkway (with more natural appearing color and materials) which makes an indirect path to the interpretive structure by meandering closer to the wall.
- Remove existing sign and sign base.
- Remove existing Camp Fortunate sign structure located on the far side of the shelter.
- Remove line of boulders which currently define lawn edge below the site.
- Remove the grass and plant with indigenous vegetation.
- Reconstruct wall. Incorporate sculpture images. Reshape wall into a more natural look.
- Remove large rectangular rock feature in rock walling.
- Add new Entrance Sign at road (with Camp Fortunate and a Shoshone name).

(2) Convert the picnic shelter into an open interpretive facility containing durable signage:

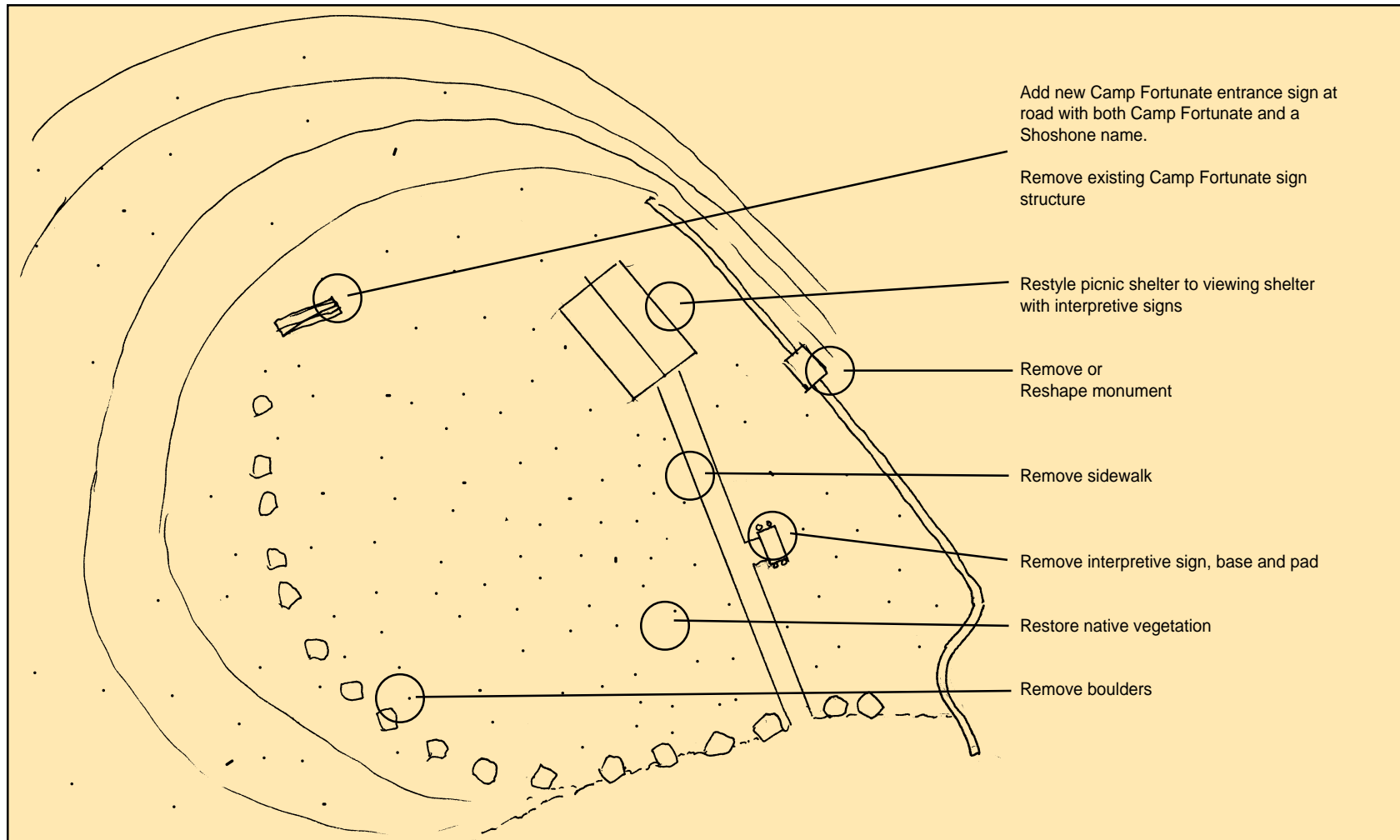
- Remove table from picnic shelter and add walling.
- Add interpretive signage and sculpture.
- Build in rock bench on back wall.

(3) Partner with Shoshone people to provide a more complete story and look to the facility:

- Input into signage content inside shelter.
- Input into sculptural features at site.
(Example: In rock wall along bluff, include central sculpted resin plaque with name of Lemhi band, and other sculpted resin images of plants, etc.)

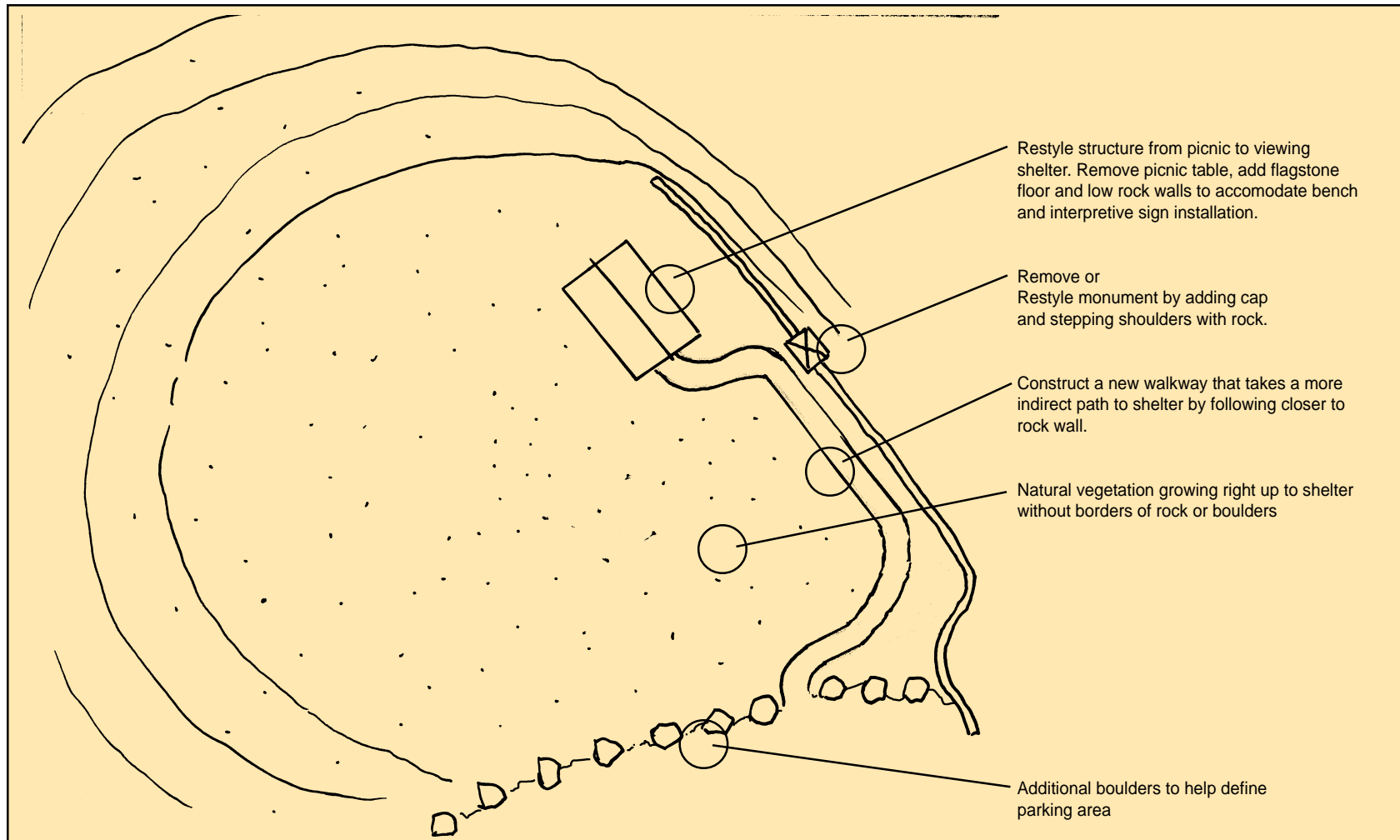
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Present Camp Fortunate Plan View



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Proposed Camp Fortunate Plan View



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PRESENT



At present, the picnic shelter is approached directly from the parking area. After improvements, viewing shelter would be approached indirectly along rock wall providing walker a better view of reservoir below. By removing the sidewalk the obtrusive line from parking area to shelter is removed giving more emphasis to the natural setting while placing the shelter more comfortably in its surrounding. Interpretive sign, mount and pad would also be removed from sidewalk area.

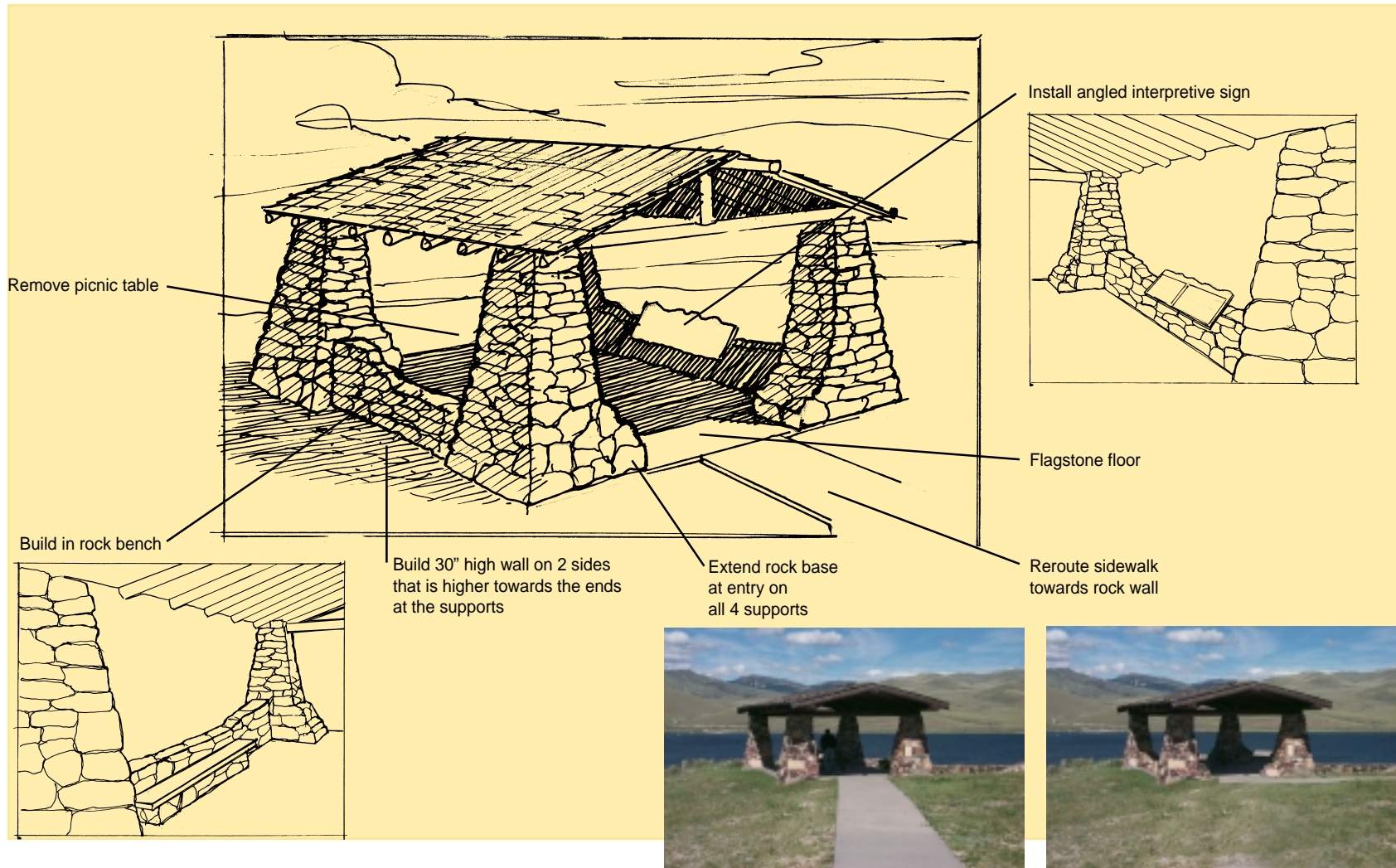
Boulders should only define parking area. Removing boulders that are now present on the hillside enhances the natural open quality without isolating the setting.

PROPOSED



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From Picnic to View Shelter



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Camp Fortunate Monument

PRESENT



PROPOSED



At present the monument placed near the picnic shelter is oddly shaped and serves little purpose. Either remove it entirely and continue the rock wall or reshape it by adding a cap and building up the shoulders with stone. The square recess on the face could contain Shoshone tribal interpretation provided by the tribe.

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Camp Fortunate Monument



PRESENT VIEW OF PICNIC SHELTER WITH MONUMENT



PRESENT VIEW FROM SHELTER WITH MONUMENT



PROPOSED VIEW OF PICNIC SHELTER WITHOUT MONUMENT



PROPOSED VIEW FROM SHELTER WITHOUT MONUMENT

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Sign One:

- Header: To the Headwaters
- Title:
- Text subjects:
 - Major turning point for Expedition
 - The long anticipated meeting with native peoples – this is where the decision to bring Sacajawea paid off
 - From rivers to uplands, from boats to horses – they could not have transported their cargo any further without horses
- Graphics: 3D map of region; Jefferson Valley (including Beaverhead River), Horse Prairie, Bitterroots

Sign Two

- Title: Sacajawea (Lemhi band spelling)
- Text subject:
 - Story of Sacajawea's name
 - Lifeways of her people
- Graphics:
- Principle display: image of her people dancing around a fire, making rowing motions with their arms, silhouettes of Lewis and Clark sitting in the foreground
- Secondary display: tie in images on rock fence

One sculpted metal frame, incorporated into low rock walling in shelter, encases both signs and includes:

- images in frame which reflect those in rock wall along bluff
- a horizon identifier along top edge of frame

Inside pillars of shelter include sculpture of boat-pulling and backs of horse riders, or canoe and horse.

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Interpretive Sign Mount

